



Attorney's Document No.: 09531-076001 / Z01088

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant : Matthew D. Putnam

Art Unit : 3732

Serial No. : 09/975,514

Examiner : C. Melson

Filed : October 12, 2001

Title : INTRAMEDULLARY ROD FOR WRIST FIXATION

RECEIVED

MAY 12 2003

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

TECHNOLOGY CENTER R3700

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Copies of the references listed on the attached form PTO-1449 are enclosed. A copy of a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart application is also enclosed.

This statement is being filed after a first Office action on the merits, but before receipt of a final Office action or a Notice of Allowance. I, the undersigned, hereby certify that each item of information contained in this statement was cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application, the communication being dated February 4, 2003, which is not more than three months prior to the filing of this statement. Please apply any charges or credits to Deposit Account No. 06-1050.

Respectfully submitted,

Date: May 5, 2003

Mark S. Ellinger

Mark S. Ellinger, Ph.D.

Reg. No. 34,812

Fish & Richardson P.C., P.A.  
60 South Sixth Street  
Suite 3300  
Minneapolis, MN 55402  
Telephone: (612) 335-5070  
Facsimile: (612) 288-9696

60139723.doc

CERTIFICATE OF MAILING BY FIRST CLASS MAIL

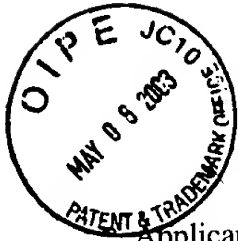
I hereby certify under 37 CFR §1.8(a) that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as first class mail with sufficient postage on the date indicated below and is addressed to the Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.

Date of Deposit 5-5-03

Signature Trisha J. Anderson

Trisha J. Anderson

Typed or Printed Name of Person Signing Certificate



3732

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant : Matthew D. Putnam  
Serial No. : 09/975,514  
Filed : October 12, 2001  
Title : INTRAMEDULLARY ROD FOR WRIST FIXATION

Art Unit : 3732  
Examiner : C. Melson

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

RECEIVED  
MAY 12 2003

TECHNOLOGY CENTER R3700

TRANSMITTAL

The following correspondence relating to this application is enclosed for filing:

1. Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement (1 page);
2. Form PTO-1449 (1 page);
3. Copies of Cited References (8);
4. Copy of PCT International Search Report (8 pages); and
5. A Return Postcard.

Please date stamp and mail the enclosed postcard.

Please apply any charges or credits to Deposit Account No. 06-1050.

Respectfully submitted,

Mark S. Ellinger, Ph.D.  
Reg. No. 34,812

Date: May 5, 2003

Fish & Richardson P.C., P.A.  
60 South Sixth Street  
Suite 3300  
Minneapolis, MN 55402  
Telephone: (612) 335-5070  
Facsimile: (612) 288-9696

60139729.doc

CERTIFICATE OF MAILING BY FIRST CLASS MAIL

I hereby certify under 37 CFR §1.8(a) that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as first class mail with sufficient postage on the date indicated below and is addressed to the Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.

Date of Deposit

5-5-03

Signature

Trisha J. Anderson

Typed or Printed Name of Person Signing Certificate